



Milton Noel Montgomery

August 31, 1944 - March 26, 2026

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Milton Noel Montgomery, 81, passed away on March 26, 2026, at the home of his daughter in Red Banks, Mississippi.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 AM in the chapel. Interment will be at Garden of Memories Cemetery, with military honors at the graveside.

Milton Noel Montgomery was born on August 31, 1944, in rural Lafayette County as one of the sons born to the late Milton Montgomery and Thelma Peeples Montgomery.

He worked as a soda jerk (as he liked to call himself) at the Ole Miss Drive-Inn. He graduated from University High School. He had many jobs around Oxford, including Ole Miss Delivery Service and Fudge's Grocery Store. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed overseas in Korea. He spent 42 years at J.E. Neilson Co. as a shoe buyer and department manager. It was said many times that you could walk into Neilson's just to look at shoes, and before you knew it, he would help you buy a pair. He enjoyed talking and meeting people over the years.

He and his wife, Patricia, were married for 48 years, and together they loved working, gardening, and spending time with family. Among his hobbies, Noel especially enjoyed gardening, watching old western movies, and going to antique car shows. Many of his greatest joys came from his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom he loved dearly. He found particular happiness in babysitting them.

Noel is survived by his wife, Patricia Montgomery; daughter, Melissa Hughes (Guy) of Red Banks, MS; and son, Rufus Tubbs of Oxford, five grandchildren, Taylor Tubbs of Birmingham, AL, Dr. Joshua Hughes (Joy) of Denver, Colorado, Leah Lam (Son) of Oxford, MS, Kristen Barton (Jonathan) of Mobile, AL, Caleb Hughes of Red Banks, MS; 11 great-grandchildren; Eddy, Esme, Paxton, Asher, Ryker, Hughes, Baby Lam, Jackson, Hattie, Ann Brooks, and Davis. He is also survived by his brother, William B. Montgomery (Tina) of Lachine, Michigan, and a sister, Mary Hellon Sollie of Lewisville, Tennessee. 3 nieces and 5 nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents, Milton Montgomery and Thelma Peeples Montgomery, and his brothers, Terry Montgomery and Waymon Montgomery.

The staff at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is honored to serve the family. Condolences may be shared online on his Tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeox.com.

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories Cemetery

295 Mississippi Highway 7 North
Oxford, MS 38655

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford
601 Commerce Parkway
Oxford, MS 38655
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Funeral Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAR 31 (CT)

Garden of Memories Oxford
295 MS-7
Oxford, MS 38655-9718
(662) 234-1323

Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Milton Noel Montgomery



Coleman Funeral Home - March 31 at 11:49 AM

JS

“ Noel was one of the best bosses I have ever had the pleasure of working for through the years. First and foremost, he knew the shoe business better than many of the line representatives. He taught the basics and built on them. Color, styles, traditional looks, and fads all had their place. Going to market with him in Dallas was truly a learning experience and treat. He knew his purchasing budget for the season when acquiring goods for the upcoming season and stretched it as far as he could. Customers flocked to Neilson’s for the “right” shoe depending on their outfit, profession, or sheer desire. Anytime I was home and dropped in to visit, he was eager to catch up and lend support.

Jim SHORTER - May 07 at 02:46 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Milton Noel Montgomery.



March 30 at 09:30 AM

JD

“ Joanna and Deanne purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Milton Noel Montgomery.



Joanna and Deanne - March 28 at 11:26 AM

MM

“ I had the privilege of working with Noel at Neilson's for @ 2- 3 year during college years 1977-79. As I told Mike Goldberg yesterday (Conerly's Greenwood MS) I learned more about business from Noel / Neilson's 1.0 than I did in 6 years of Ole Miss Business School. I suspect many others did too. God Bless. Mark McElreath

Mark McElreath - March 28 at 08:28 AM